

A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE  
VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, 21ST. JANUARY, 1974, AT  
8-0 P.M.

Present.

Mr.J.R.Bell, Chairman, MissM.I.Fletcher,  
Messrs. S.Eggleston, B.Moore, and D.M.Lawson.

Apology.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from  
Mr.Branston, Mr.Scarlett, and Mr.Corrigan.  
Mr.Corrigan also notified the Council that he  
would be abroad for the next three months, and  
therefore would be unable to attend the next three  
meetings.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on  
26th.Nov.1973 had been previously circulated, and  
before asking for confirmation of the Minutes the  
Chairman asked for the following amendments to be  
made:-

Under the heading "Training Course for Parish Clerks"  
at the end of the last sentence the words "and  
expenses" to be added.

Under the heading "Estimates for 1974-5", the words  
"to Precept for" to be deleted and replaced by the  
following:-

"It was agreed that a sum of £250 should be  
indicated to the District Council for General  
Expenditure as requested.

These amendments were agreed upon and the Minutes  
were then signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising.

Car Parking Facilities, Village Centre.

The Parish Council's observations had been noted by  
the Rural District Council, and further correspondence  
on this subject will be forthcoming.

New Chairs for the Village Hall.

The new chairs had been delivered to the Village  
Hall.

Bridlepath and Footpath I2.

Letter from the Rural District Council stated that  
their records have been amended and the section of  
path from the access road to the Burton Bandalls  
farm down to the Barrow-Cotes road has been recorded  
as being a Bridlepath, and that this classification

will be retained when this section is diverted to follow the watercourse.

The question of the reclassification of the remaining length of I2 to a Bridlepath is being dealt with by the Leicestershire County Council at the same time as they are conducting the review of footpaths.

Proposed alterations to Bridlepath H91, and Footpath H92A, and I3, Burton-on-the-Wolds.

The Rural District Council have noted that H91 should be a Bridlepath and have amended their records accordingly.

The Parish Council's objections to the diversion of footpaths H91/92A, and I3 have been duly noted and will be considered by the General Purposes Committee.

Footpath, Burton to Prestwold Church, (Prestwold Park).

Mr. Moore proposed that a further request be made to the Rural District Council for this path to be reinstated. This was agreed upon and the Clerk asked to write accordingly.

Souters Lane Development by Ministry of Defence.

With reference to the proposed development by the Ministry of Defence involving the erection of 48 houses off Souters Lane, it was agreed to put forward the following observations to the County Council:-

1. The County Junior School is already considerably overloaded, and any further increase in the child population would necessitate an urgent and parallel increase in the size and facilities of the school.
2. The village already suffers from flooding in times of heavy rain, and much of this is caused by surface water flowing down Souters Lane. Any further increase in the number of properties would require considerable improvements to the surface and drainage, and the subsequent adoption of the road. Furthermore whatever drainage system is devised it must ensure that there is no additional flow into the culvert and village brook, which is already considered by the Smallholdings and Agriculture Committee to be inadequate.
3. The Village Community feels that with the proposed take over of the adjacent Wymeswold Airfield for military training, it already has more than its share of military establishments, and to build additional quarters to house personnel employed at Woodhouse Eaves



is adding to what is considered by the Barrow-upon-Soar Rural District Council, and the Department of the Environment to be an already over developed village.

Correspondence.

Leicester Mercury Centenary Commemoration Seats.

Parish Councils are being invited to apply for a seat commemorating the Centenary of the Leicester Mercury. The Chairman reported that the application form had been returned, and if the Council was successful and received one of the 38 seats offered, then there would be a small delivery charge. It was agreed that this charge be paid.

British Gypsum Ltd. Proposed Mineral Exploration

Notices had been served on the Parish Council by British Gypsum Ltd. that exploratory drilling will be carried out within the Parish to assess the deposits of gypsum in the area.

Application for Planning Permission had also been made to the Barrow-upon-Soar Rural District Council to conduct these drillings.

Mr. Branston had advised that the County Council should be asked to keep the Parish Council informed on the future development concerning this exploration.

Appeal against refusal for Planning Permission made by Mr. G. A. Hawes, and Mr. T. E. Hubbard.

A report from the Department of the Environment, East Midland Region, Nottingham, stated that both appeals had been dismissed.

Village Brook and Culvert.

The proposal made by the County Drainage Officer at the Parish Council meeting held on 13th. Aug. 1973 to construct a small retaining wall across the water course on the Common Land had been investigated. A copy of a letter sent to the Area Surveyor from Mr. Branston stated that the above scheme had been considered and found to be impracticable. Also to replace the existing 4ft. culvert would cost at least £100,000 and the benefit gained would be out of all proportion to the cost.

Mr. Branston had asked Mr. Penwarden for his assurance that the entrance to the culvert would receive regular inspection to ensure that it was clear of debris.



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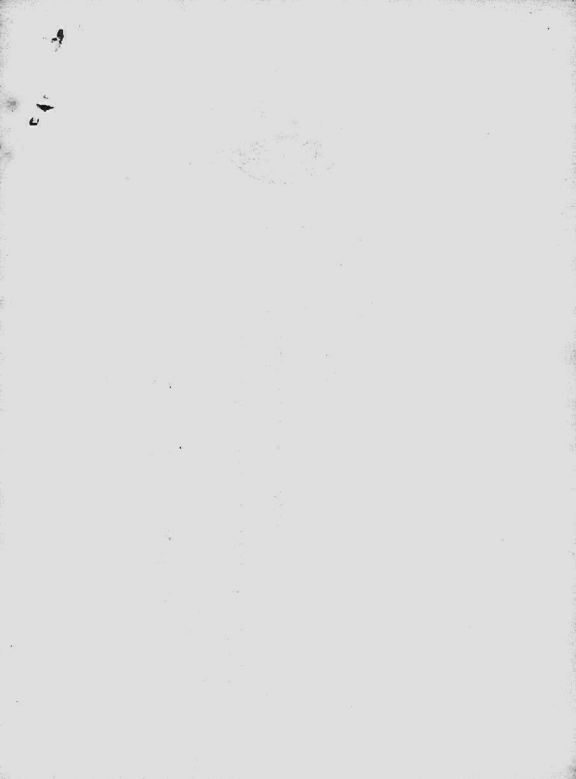
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APP/1905/A/66844 APP/1905/A/66845  
 Date

9 January 1974

Gentlemen

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1971  
 APPEALS BY MR G A HAWES AND MR T E HUBBARD

1. I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Environment to say that consideration has been given to the report of the Inspector, Mr W T Davies BA MRTPI DipTP, who held a local inquiry into your clients' appeals under section 23 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1962 (now section 36 of the 1971 Act) against the decisions of the Barrow-upon-Soar Rural District Council, acting on behalf of the Leicester County Council, to refuse planning permission for (i) residential development on OS parcels 63 and part 64 and (ii) residential development, shop and doctor's surgery, on OS parcels 57, 58, 59, 60 and 62, on land at Brook Street, Burton-on-the-Wolds.

2. A copy of the Inspector's report is enclosed. Bearing in mind the facts set out in paragraph 46 of this report, the Inspector concluded that:-

"a. It is evident that the Statutory Development Plan has had little or no relevance to development control policy as applied to Burton-on-the-Wolds, substantial developments having taken place in the village since submission of the plan in 1951, and also since its approval in 1959. When the "village classification policy" was introduced by the county council in 1967, it seems to me that expansion commensurate with the category 2 classification had already taken place in Burton-on-the-Wolds, and that there is some justification for supporting the council's subsequent decision to restrict further expansion of the village into the surrounding rural area. In my view, the absence of a developed village nucleus is a relevant consideration in this case.

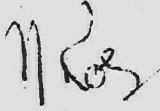
"b. Development of the 2 sites would be a substantial addition to the already enlarged village, and in the case of site I and the western part of site II, which consist of agricultural land above the level of the developed land to the south, residential development on the land would detract from the attractive rural setting of the north-eastern part of the village. Although development of the eastern part of the site II would replace existing unsightly buildings, a housing estate would considerably extend the area of built-up land, which, except from a part of Melton Road to the east, is conspicuous in the landscape.

"c. Development of site I would encroach on an area of pleasant open land and would detract from the surroundings.

"d. Provision for an estate road layout with access to Brook Street as extended is desirable in the interests of convenience and road safety, if both sites were developed as one unit; such development would be premature however, pending completion of the road improvements proposed. It seems to me however that provisions for access from Brook Street as existing, would be acceptable if development of site I only were permitted, and if such development were supported on land use and amenity grounds."

3. The Inspector recommended that both appeals be dismissed.
4. The Secretary of State agrees with the Inspector's conclusions and accepts his recommendation. Therefore he hereby dismisses the appeal.
5. A separate note is attached setting out the circumstances in which the validity of the Secretary of State's decision may be challenged in the High Court.

I am Gentlemen  
Your obedient Servant



N ROE  
Authorised by the Secretary of State  
to sign on that behalf



Under the provisions of section 245 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 a person who is aggrieved by the decision given in the accompanying letter may challenge its validity by an application made to the High Court within 6 weeks from the date when the decision is given. (This procedure applies both to decisions of the Secretary of State and to decisions given by an Inspector to whom an appeal has been transferred under paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 9 to the Town and Country Planning Act 1971.)

The grounds upon which an application may be made to the Court are:-

1. that the decision is not within the powers of the Act (that is, the Secretary of State or Inspector, as the case may be, has exceeded his powers); or
2. that any of the relevant requirements have not been complied with, and the applicant's interests have been substantially prejudiced by the failure to comply.

"The relevant requirements" are defined in section 245 of the Act: they are the requirements of that Act and the Tribunals and Inquiries Act 1971 or any enactment replaced thereby, and the requirements of any order, regulations or rules made under those Acts or under any of the Acts repealed by those Acts. These include the Town and Country Planning (Inquiries Procedure) Rules 1969 (SI 1969 No 1092), which relate to the procedure on cases dealt with by the Secretary of State, and the Town and Country Planning Appeals (Determination by Appointed Persons) (Inquiries Procedure) Rules 1968 (SI 1968 No 1952), which relate to the procedure on appeals transferred to Inspectors.



Correspondence  
Cont'd.

East Midlands Conservation Corps.

Letter from this organization gave details of the kind of work undertaken. The charges were considered to be reasonable, and it was agreed to retain the letter for future reference.

Special Conference, Leicestershire Association of Parish Councils.

A Special Conference has been arranged to be held in the County Rooms, Leicester, on Sat.9th.Feb. at 2-30p.m. when the subject for discussion will be "The Independence of Local Councils".

It was agreed that the Parish Council should be represented at this Conference.

Hickling  
Charity Bible

A Bible from this Charity had been received for allocation in the Parish.

On the proposition of Miss Fletcher, seconded by Mr. Moore, it was agreed to give the Bible to Simon Harrison, 51, Barrow Road.

Cheque.

A Cheque was authorised and signed for the following amounts:-

Half Telephone Rental, 1st Nov. to 31st Jan.	£2.75
Photo-copying of Minutes, 9th Jan. 1974.	<u>£0.84</u>
	£3.59 ✓
Copies of Minutes 23-10-73, and 19-11-73	£1.26 ✓
Wells and Blackwell, 250 Letterheads.	£4.67 ✓

Any other  
Business.

Mr. Moore raised the question of the possibility of the now disused sewer laid during the last war, and which he was given to understand ran along Barrow Road, being used to serve the properties along Barrow Road. The Clerk informed the meeting that this sewer did not run along Barrow Road, but through the Springfield Close estate.

It was agreed that the Clerk ask the R.D.C. Engineer for a Plan giving the line taken by the sewer from the pumping station to the sewage works.

Date of next  
meeting.

The date of the next meeting was arranged for 25th. February, 1974, at 8-Op.m.

There was no further business and the Chairman closed the meeting.

  
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A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE  
VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, 25TH. FEBRUARY, 1974,  
AT 8-0 P.M.

Present.

Mr.J.R.Bell, Chairman, MissM.I.Fletcher,  
Messrs. S.Eggleston, B.Moore, D.M.Lawson,  
T.A.S.Branston, County Councillor, and B.Scarlett,  
Charnwood District Councillor.  
The Chief Executive Officer of the Charnwood  
District Council, Mr.D.L.Harris also attended the  
latter part of the meeting.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on  
21st. Jan. 1974, having been previously circulated  
were confirmed as being correct, and were signed by  
the Chairman.

Matters arising.

Souters Lane Development by the Ministry of Defence.

Mr.Scarlett reported that he had received ~~information~~  
information from Miss Pike, M.P. stating that the  
proposed development off Souters Lane by the  
Ministry of Defence had now been abandoned.

Leicester Mercury Centenary Commemoration Seats.

The Parish Council had been informed that it was  
unsuccessful in obtaining one of these seats.  
It was agreed to leave the purchasing of a seat in  
abeyance.

Correspondence.

Planning Applications.

No.2255/73, Dr.D.E.Hall, 11,Brook Street,  
Burton-on-the-Wolds, Covered Storage area and porch.

No.2353/73, J.Grimsey, 34,Springfield Close,  
Burton-on-the-Wolds, Room in roof.

No.2390/73, M.G.T.Smith, 12,Hall Drive,  
Burton-on-the-Wolds, Hall and Lounge extensions  
with alterations.

No objections were raised to these applications,  
except No.2255/73. It was agreed that the Planning  
Dept. be asked for assurance that the occupiers of  
the adjacent properties are notified of this  
proposed planning.

Proposed Extensions to No.10, Hall Drive.

Considerable controversy had been raised concerning  
this planning application. The Parish Council had

raised objections to this application within the specified time, and although the Council was sympathetic towards the views and objections of the residents of Hall Drive, there was nothing further it could do. It was agreed that the Clerk notify the residents of Hall Drive of this.

Twenty Acre Piece, Sixhills, (SK.643210).

Letter from the Nature Conservancy Council stated that the above site is of sufficient scientific interest to merit notification to the County Planning Authority as a site of Special Scientific Interest, and that formal notification will proceed in approximately 6 months time. The Parish Council was asked to give sympathetic views concerning this. It was agreed that this should be given.

Burton-on-the-Wolds Playing Field Association.

Letter from the Secretary of this Association giving assurance that the Association will undertake to pay the Parish Council £132.10 towards the new Play Equipment, and that the necessary third party insurance will be arranged to cover the new equipment.

Consultation on Planning Applications.

Letter from the Chief Planning Officer of the Charnwood District Council stating that the Parish Council will be notified of all planning applications affecting the Parish, and that the existing procedure of notification will remain in operation.

Various Parish matters raised by Mr.Hawes.

The Clerk reported that he had been able to deal with the complaints and comments raised by Mr.Hawes.

Best Kept Village Competition.

It was agreed not to enter this competition.

Village Handbells.

A letter from Taylor's Bell Foundry, Loughborough, stated that as they had not made any new sets of handbells for several years, they were uncertain of the value of this set.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had obtained an estimated value from another source, and to replace this set would cost between £350 and £400.

The Clerk was asked to obtain the cost of insuring the




bells for this value from Cornhill Insurance Co. and from two other companies.

Any other business.

Miss Fletcher reported on the overgrown condition of the hedge alongside the footpath on Melton road. The ownership of this hedge and the adjoining land was unknown, and the Clerk was asked to try and obtain this information in order to make a complaint.

There was no further business, and before closing the meeting the Chairman thanked Mr. Harris for his kindness in attending the meeting.

 25<sup>th</sup> June 74

A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, 25TH. MARCH, 1974, AT 8.0 P.M.

Present.

Mr.J.R.Bell, Chairman, Miss M.I.Fletcher,  
Messrs. S.Eggleston, D.M.Lawson, B.Moore, and  
B.Scarlett, Charnwood District Councillor.

Apology.

Apology for non-attendance was received from  
Mr.T.A.S.Branston, County Council Representative.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on  
25th. February, 1974, having been previously circulated,  
were confirmed as being correct, and were signed by  
the Chairman.

Matters  
arising.

Insurance of Handbells, Quotations for Annual Premium.

The following Quotations had been received:-

Cornhill Insurance Co.Ltd.	£3.68
The Prudential Assurance Co.Ltd.	£10.00
Norwich Union Fire Insurance Co.Ltd.	£5.00

It was agreed to accept the Quotation from the Cornhill  
Insurance Co. of £3.68.

Footpath, Melton Road.

It was agreed to write to the Divisional Surveyor,  
Mr.Ash, requesting that the bank encroaching on to this  
footpath be cut back.

Correspondence

Burton Friendship Club.

A letter had been received from the secretary of this  
Club, thanking the Parish Council for the Crockery  
purchased for the Club and for general use in the Village  
Hall.

Proposed diversion of Footpaths H92A, I3, and  
Bridleway H91.

Letter from the Rural District Council stated that the  
County Council have upheld the objections raised by the  
Parish Council to the proposed diversions, and have not  
given their consent. The Order therefore cannot be made.  
The County Council were of the opinion that the proposed  
new routes were too drastic to be considered as  
alternatives.

Local Government Re-organisation.

Letter from the Area Surveyor, Mr.Penwarden, informing

Correspondence  
continued.

the Council that he will be moving to a new division. Mr.R.J.Ash, Leicester Road, Melton Mowbray, will be the new Northern Divisional Surveyor.

Mr.Penwarden thanked members of the Parish Council for their co-operation in the past, and wished them every success in the future.

The Clerk informed the Council that he had written to Mr.Penwarden thanking him for his letter, and wishing him well in his new Division.

Charnwood District Council Council Minutes.

Letter from the Chief Executive Officer stating that commencing on 1st.April, the Parish Council will receive a copy of the Charnwood District Council Minutes.

Leicester and Leicestershire Structure Plan.

Letter from the Clerk of the County Council stated that the Structure Plan is being submitted to the Secretary of State for the Environment on Wednesday, 20th.March, 1974. Copies of the Structure Plan Documents will be available for public inspection, and comments and views on the Plan must reach the Secretary of State for the Environment by Friday, 24th.May, 1974.

Planning Application.

No.2458/73, J.E. and R.W.Harvey, Brook Farm, Cotes Road, Burton-on-the-Wolds, Dutch Barn. No objection was raised to this Application.

Form of Precept.

A Form of Precept had been received from the Charnwood District Council already filled in for £250.

This being the figure given last December to the District Council as the estimated amount required for General Expenses for 1974-5. It was agreed that this should be signed and returned to the District Council.

Clerk's Salary  
and Expenses.

Proposed by Mr.Moore, and seconded by Mr.Eggleston, it was agreed that in view of the additional work necessitated by the re-organisation of Local Authorities, the Clerk's Salary should be increased to £75.00 per annum with effect from 1st.April, 1974. The Council would further re-assure the Clerk that it is their firm intention and wish that his salary should be regularly reviewed to remain commensurate

with the cost of living, and the time involved in the execution of his duties.

The allowance paid to the Clerk for the use of his house as an office should be increased to £35.00 per annum. This to be effective retrospectively from 1st. April, 1973.

In cognizance of the fact that the installation of a telephone at the Clerk's house is a prerequisite of his post, and that the number of telephone calls made on Parish business represents a very high proportion of his total calls, the Council agree that the Clerk should be re-imbursed for the total cost of his telephone rental, all metered calls, and any operator obtained calls related to Parish business.

Clerk's  
Fidelity  
Guarantee.

It was agreed to take out a Fidelity Guarantee on the Clerk with the Cornhill Insurance Company for an amount of £500.00. The Annual Premium for this sum being £2.50. It was also agreed that this Insurance together with the Insurance for the Handbells should commence on 1st. June, 1974, this being the renewal date for the Employer's Liability Cover already held with the Cornhill Insurance Company.

Cheques.

The following Cheques were authorised and signed:-

Pel Ltd. Village Hall Chairs.	£198.00✓
P.F.Oswin, Fee for Clerk's Training Course and Photo-copying,	£004.84✓
Gerard Gamble, Crockery for Friendship Club.	£060.00✓
Clerk's Telephone Account, February 1974.	£016.55✓
Burton Burial Ground, Half yearly maintenance.	£015.79✓
Burton Village Hall, charge for meetings.	£010.75✓
Clerk's Salary and expenses including postage and telephone calls made away from the office, mileage claim, stationery, and rent of office.	£093.88✓

Any other  
business.

The Chairman reported receiving several enquiries concerning the supply of mains gas to the village. Mr. Scarlett had attended a meeting at Seagrave together with the local Member of Parliament to discuss similar enquiries there. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the East Midlands Gas Board requesting them to investigate the possibility of a mains gas supply to Burton and the neighbouring villages. A copy of this letter to be sent to Mr. M. Latham, M.P.


The Chairman reported the formation of a group of parishoners interested in walking and surveying the field footpaths in the Parish.

The Chairman and Clerk had attended the first meeting of this group and were helping them in every way possible.

Date of next meeting.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as being Monday, 29th. April, 1974, at 8-Op.m.

This concluded the business, and the Chairman closed the meeting at 9-40p.m.



8 May 74.



THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WAS HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL  
ON FRIDAY, 29TH. MARCH, 1974, AT 8.00 P.M.

Present.

Mr.J.R.Bell,(Chairman), Miss M.I.Fletcher,  
Messrs. D.M.Lawson, B.Moore, and 7 local government  
electors.

Also attending by invitation were Mr.T.A.S.Branston,  
County Council Representative, and Mr.B.Scarlett,  
Charnwood District Council Representative.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on  
26th. March, 1973, were read and it was agreed that these  
were a true record of that meeting, and were signed by  
the Chairman.

Matters  
arising.

Tree Planting.

Mr.Branston had arranged for the Horticultural Department  
of the County Council to plant Chestnut trees along the  
West fence of the Playing Field.

Seymour Road, Brook Street One-Way scheme.

Mr.Branston reported that this scheme was now deferred  
until 1975-6.

Proposed alterations, Village Centre.

Mr.Branston had made further requests to the County  
Council to instal Traffic Lights in the Village Centre  
without success.

Footpath Waymarking.

No progress had been made by the County Council concerning  
the Signposting and Waymarking of Field Footpaths.

The diverted footpaths in the parish had yet to be made  
official Rights of Way, and until this was done the

County Council would not carry out the Waymarking.

The Chairman reported on an active committee recently  
formed who were engaged on walking the footpaths in the  
parish, and making a report on the condition of stiles,  
footbridges etc. The Parish Council endorsed the efforts  
of this committee, and was giving every assistance.

Surface Water affecting No.57, Melton Road.

Investigations by the County Council had revealed damage  
to land drains caused by the laying of a sewer by the  
Ministry of Works during the last war. The Brewery who  
owned the land intended to make further investigations  
to find the blockage, and rectify the matter. In the  
meantime the County Council had diverted the flow of

water as a temporary measure.

#### Parish Notice Board.

A new weatherproof notice board had recently been erected for the display of official Parish Council notices. The old notice board was being retained for the display of notices connected with general village activities.

#### R.A.F. Houses, Souters Lane.

Mr. Scarlett reported that negotiations were still proceeding to find out if the Ministry was still willing to sell these houses.

Chairman's  
Report for 1973-4

The Chairman mentioned the significance of the date of the meeting, this being the last day of office of the Barrow-upon-Soar Rural District Council. It was not without a note of sadness that it was recorded that as from midnight on Sunday, 31st. March, 1974, the Barrow-upon-Soar Rural District Council would cease to exist.

The Chairman also made reference to Mr. Lawson, and Mr. Corrigan, who had represented the Parish on the Rural District Council, and were now retiring from office. On behalf of the Parish Meeting the Chairman thanked them for their services to the Parish during the past years.

The Chairman welcomed the new Charnwood District Council Representative, Mr. B. Scarlett, who officially takes office on Monday, 1st. April.

#### Village Brook.

A new type of grid had been fitted across the culvert in Brook Street, and it was hoped that this would prevent the flow of water being obstructed during heavy rain, thus preventing further flooding.

#### Residential Land Availability, and Future Development.

The County Council had informed the Parish Council that the village was classified as a Group 2 or Restraint Village, and there would be no large development taking place in the village. Any additional development would be restricted to infilling consisting of individual dwellings within the village confines.

The County Council will be conducting a survey of all village services, including the County Junior School,

culminating in a village appraisal map. This will be made public and produced within the next five years.

#### Car Parking Facilities.

Following the No-Waiting restrictions recently imposed in the village centre, the Parish Council had asked the Rural District Council to consider the provision of car parking facilities near to the village centre.

Two sites had been suggested by the Parish Council.

1. To make the existing unofficial area near the telephone kiosk official.

2. To develop the spare ground at the side of the village hall at the entrance to Seymour road.

#### Village Handbells.

The Parish Council had undertaken to provide the cost of the maintenance and insurance of a set of Handbells belonging to the village. The bells were being kept at the County Junior School, but could be borrowed by any parishioner on application to Mrs. Priest, 19, Springfield Close, Burton-on-the-Wolds.

#### Bartholomew Hickling Charity Bible.

The Parish Council had been asked to allocate two Bibles from this Charity during the past year. These they had been pleased to present to Lynne Bowley and Simon Harrison.

#### Souters Lane Development by Ministry of Defence.

The proposed development by the Ministry of Defence to build 48 houses off Souters Lane had been strongly opposed by the Rural District Council and the Parish Council. The Chairman was able to report that this proposed development was eventually abandoned.

#### Mains Gas Supply to the Village.

The Parish Council had received several enquiries concerning the possibility of a piped gas supply in the village. The Chairman reported that a letter had been sent to the East Midlands Gas Board with a copy to the Local Member of Parliament, asking the Board if they would investigate the possibility of bringing North Sea Gas to Burton.

#### Financial Report.

There will be a balance of £303.05 in the General Expenditure Account on 31st. March, 1974. The Parish Council was Precepting for £250 for General Expenses for

1974-5. The product of a 1P Rate for this year is £821.

In the Street Lighting Surplus Fund there is a balance of £664.01. From this balance the Parish Council had made the following purchases:-

60 Chairs for the Village Hall	£198.00
Crockery for the Village Hall specially selected by the Burton Friendship Club.	£60.00
Grant to the Playing Field Committee towards the purchase of two pieces of children's play equipment.	£260.00

The old bracket type lamps had been removed at a cost of £13.00. This will leave a balance of £156.00 with which to provide further amenities for the village.

Any other  
business.

The Chairman invited the retiring R.D.C. Representatives, Mr. Branston, County Councillor, Mr. B. Scarlett, Charnwood Borough Council, to address the meeting.

Mr. Lawson thanked the village on behalf of Mr. Corrigan and himself for the support they had received during the past years, and regretted the Local Government reorganization having led to the closure of Barrow-upon-Soar Rural District Council which he felt had been a very efficient and well organized authority.

Mr. Branston amplified his assurance to keep a watching brief on the flooding of the village brook and fully agreed that traffic lights would undoubtedly solve the traffic crossing problems at the village centre. Unfortunately the traffic flow did not yet meet the currently legislated level.

Mr. Scarlett endorsed Mr. Branston's remarks, and informed the meeting that he had received verbal assurance from the Loughborough Constabulary that no prosecutions would be made against motorists who parked on the double yellow lines in front of Mr. Wheeler's shop for periods of five minutes, until such time as the parking facilities were available. The District Council had approved the scheme, and financing was now awaited.

Mr. Scarlett informed the meeting that the Charnwood

Borough Council proposed to continue the Pensioner's Bus Fare Relief Scheme introduced by the Rural District Council, and also were anxious to generally action an improvement to the rural bus services.

Various parishioners took up this point and both the Parish Council and the Charnwood Council were urged to ascertain or obtain:-

- a. An assurance that services to and from Burton-on-the-Wolds carried fare charges on a par per unit with other local rural areas.
- b. To increase the current services and in particular to press for instigation of a service to and from Barrow-upon-Soar.
- c. To press for a more realistic service to and from Nottingham so that it was possible to travel there to shop and return on the same day. The current scheduled connection at Wymeswold could not be relied upon.
- d. Could the school bus service be extended to transport children to the Loughborough schools.

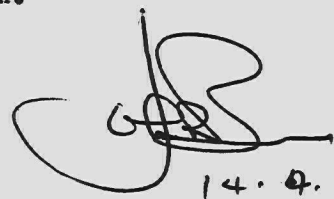
Rates. The Parish Council expressed their villager's grave concern at the published increase in rates, especially the precept of the Leicestershire County Council, and which represented by far the larger portion of the rates.

Mr. Branston informed the meeting that this was primarily due to the fact that the Leicestershire County Council now had to include the City of Leicester in its administration. Mr. Branston was asked to provide further details, as the village did not generally enjoy the service and facilities of the Leicester City dwellers. Mr. Scarlett was concerned at the additional precept called for by the Severn-Trent Water Authority for sewage disposal. This was an additional charge which Charnwood Council was instructed to collect, and which came from a non-elected organization. The Charnwood Council was examining the situation.

Dumping on the Burton Common.

The Chairman asked for the co-operation of the villagers to ensure that no further dumping was made on the Common.

There were no further questions raised and the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.5 p.m.



14.4.75.



THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD  
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR.BELL ON WEDNESDAY,8TH.MAY,  
1974, AT 8-0 P.M.

Present.

Mr.J.R.Bell, Chairman, Miss M.I.Fletcher,  
Messrs. D.M.Lawson, B.Moore, T.A.S.Branston, County  
Councillor, and B.Scarlett, Charnwood Borough  
Councillor.

Apology.

Apology for non-attendance was received from  
Mr.S.Eggleston.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on  
25th.March,1974, having been previously circulated  
were confirmed as being correct, and were signed  
by the Chairman.

Matters arising  
from these Minutes

North Sea Gas Supply to Burton.

A letter had been received from the East Midlands  
Gas stating that a number of investigations had been  
undertaken, the last of these being in December, 1973,  
and been re-examined upon receipt of the Parish  
Council's letter. It was with regret that Emgas were  
unable to provide a supply of natural gas to the  
village in the immediate future.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Councils of  
Walton, Wymeswold and Hoton had written to both the  
East Midlands Gas and the local Member of Parliament  
in support of this request.

It was agreed to leave this in abeyance, to be  
considered on a national basis.

Clerk's Fidelity Guarantee.

Since the last meeting information had been received  
from the Cornhill Insurance Company stating that the  
minimum premium on each Policy was now £3.00.

This meant that the Premium for the Clerk's Fidelity  
Insurance will now be increased from £2.50 to £3.00,  
and the renewal premium for the Employer's Liability  
Insurance increased from £1.50 to £3.00.

Cheque.

A cheque for £9.68 for the following premiums was  
authorised and signed:-

Clerk's Fidelity Insurance	£3.00✓
Employer's Liability Insurance	£3.00✓
Insurance of Handbells	£3.68✓

Matters arising Trent Bus Service through Burton.

from the Parish Meeting held on 29th. March 1974. The request to extend the 17.15 Nottingham to Loughborough service to include Burton had been investigated by the Trent Bus Company. Before making a decision the Company required information as to whether passengers from Burton would use this service to any great extent.

Replying to the request for a bus service between Burton and Barrow, the Company pointed out that the service operating between Burton and the larger shopping centre of Loughborough was not proving to be remunerative, and this indicated that a similar service between Burton and Barrow would be a most uneconomical proposition.

The Company was however willing to discuss any such possibility with the Parish Council, or with officers of the County Authority if it was felt that sufficient demand exists to make an approach for a subsidy on such a service worthwhile.

New proposed circular bus route.

It was then agreed that the Trent Motor Traction Company be asked to consider a new circular route starting and finishing at Loughborough, and linking the villages of Barrow, Walton, Burton, Wymeswold, Hoton and Cotes.

The alternate journeys to be made in the opposite direction.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Parish Councils of the villages concerned, asking for their support in this proposed route.

Mr. Branston advised that the County Council Transportation Committee be asked to write to the Trent Bus Company in support of the scheme.

School Transport, Burton to Loughborough.

A letter from the Assistant Director of Education stated that the bus serving the Burton County Junior School is "Out of Contract" when it departs from the school. However the bus company concerned states that the bus is not available to convey school children to Loughborough as requested.

Election of Chairman.

Mr. Bell from the Chair asked for nominations for Chairman for 1974-5.

On the proposition of Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Lawson, it was unanimously agreed that Mr. Bell be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

On accepting the office of Chairman, Mr. Bell thanked the meeting and signed a Form of Acceptance of Office.

Election of  
Vice-Chairman.

The Chairman then asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman, and on the proposition of Miss Fletcher, seconded by Mr. Lawson, Mr. Moore was re-elected Vice-Chairman and accepted the office.

Delegates to the  
Assoc. of Parish  
Councils.

It was agreed that Mr. Lawson and the Clerk should represent the Parish Council at the meetings of the Association of Parish Councils, and the recently formed District Committees.

Visit to the Village by the Divisional Surveyor.

A meeting and inspection of the village by members of the Parish Council, Mr. Branston, Mr. Scarlett, and the new Divisional Surveyor, Mr. Ash, and the Highways Superintendent, Mr. Hillman had been held on Wednesday, 24th. April, 1974.

An inspection was made of the open section of the Brook, and the grids guarding the entrance to the culvert in Brook Street.

Mr. Ash was informed of the need for regular inspection of the grids both in Brook Street and near to the end of Souters Lane, and also of the fact that the County Council had accepted responsibility for keeping the watercourse clear.

The state of the footpath alongside the Melton road opposite the Bus Shelter was brought to the notice of Mr. Ash, with the request that the encroaching bank and hedge be cut back.

The untidy state of the grass verge on the opposite side of the road to this footpath was discussed at some length. In view of the fact that this piece of land was enclosed by iron railings, Mr. Ash was in some doubt as to whether the maintenance of it was the responsibility of the County Council. Since this meeting a letter expressing this view had been received from Mr. Ash.

The Clerk reported that he had carried out a search in the Parish Council Minutes, and a Minute dated 13th.

October, 1911, gave the following information:-

"Complaints had been made to the Parish Council concerning the muddy state of the piece of roadside verge on Melton road." It was eventually enclosed with iron railings purchased by public subscription.

There was also a footpath on this land which used to be maintained by the village roadman.

It was agreed that the Clerk write to Mr. Ash giving him this information.

It was also agreed to write to the County Engineer

requesting that the Village Brook receives regular inspection, and to ask for his assurance that the arrangements for this made with the previous Area Surveyor will continue.

Correspondence Playing Field Mowing Charges.

Following a request for further details of the number of visits made by the County Playing Field Mowing Service, a list of the mowings carried out during 1973-4 had been received. It was felt that the Playing Field had not received the number of visits stated, but unfortunately there was no means of checking this.

Mr. Moore agreed to ask the Headmaster of the Junior County School if he had any records of the Mowings carried out on the School Playing Field which should correspond with those of the Burton Playing Field.

The offer by Mr. Branston to make verbal enquiries at County Hall was accepted with thanks.

Notice of Audit.

The Clerk reported that the Books and Accounts will be required for Audit on Monday, 17th. June, 1974, and personal attendance will be required on Wednesday, 26th. June, 1974, at 11.30a.m.

Cheque.

Leicestershire Footpath Association Subscription.

A request for the subscription for the year ending 31st. Dec. 1974 had been received from this Association, and a cheque for £1.00 was authorised and signed.

Planning Applications.

The following Planning Applications had been received:-

74/0056/2 1.4.74 Hall, Dr. D.E., Dining Room,  
11, Brook Street, Burton-on-the-Wolds.

74/0070/2 2.4.74 Burton-on-the-Wolds Playing Field  
Association, Training Wall, Playing Field, Barrow Road,  
Burton-on-the-Wolds.

There were no objections raised to these two Applications.

Publishing of Planning Applications.

In view of the fact that Planning Applications were now being published in the local papers, it was agreed that the above Applications and all future Applications concerning the Parish should be displayed on the Parish Council Notice Board for the period allowed for objections to be raised, i.e. two weeks.

Wolds Footpath Group, Report on Field Footpaths.

A letter from this Group for information only gave details

of the condition of field footpaths in Burton Parish and the neighbouring parishes of Hoton and Walton. A copy of this letter had been sent to the Charnwood Borough Council.

Charnwood Borough Council maintenance facilities for recreational and open space land.

A letter from the Chief Technical Officer offering these services, but no rates of charges were available at the present time. It was agreed to note this for future reference.

Planning Appeal Dismissal.

Notice for information only that the appeal against refusal of Planning Permission made by Mr.J.E.Pepper. Pt.O.P.343, Manor Farm, Burton-on-the-Wolds, had been dismissed.

Application for a Grant for the purchase of Play Equipment by the Burton-on-the-Wolds Pre-School Play Group.

Before considering making a grant to this Group from the Street Lighting Surplus Fund, it was agreed to ask for more details concerning the finances and organisation of the Group.

Burton-on-the-Wolds Youth Club.

As requested this Club had submitted a list of equipment they required, but no prices of the individual items were given.

It was agreed to ask the Club for details of the cost of each piece of equipment.

Mr.Hubbard's premises, Melton Road.

Mr.Scarlett reported having received complaints about the untidy state of Mr.Hubbard's premises due to work being carried out on all types of road vehicles.

It was agreed that the Parish Council was not the appropriate body to deal with the problem, and it was felt that the matter should be investigated by the Charnwood Borough Council.

It was also agreed that a similar complaint concerning land off Souters Lane should be referred to the Charnwood Borough Council.

Cheque.

A cheque for £3.36 for the following items was authorised and signed.

Mileage claim for Clerk attending Clerk's Course.

£2.52✓

Heating of Village Hall for Parish Meeting.

£0.20✓



Photo-copying of Minutes 26-4-74

£0.24 ✓

Law of Footpaths Book.

£0.40 ✓

Leics. Assc. of The Subscription to this Association has been increased Parish Councils from £7.50 to £15.00. It was felt that this increase of 100% was excessive, and it was agreed to write to the secretary asking if the Association would consider a subscription of £12.00 for 1974-5.

Any other  
business.

R.A.F.Houses.

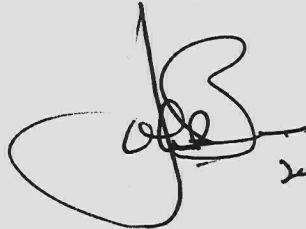
Mr.Scarlett informed the meeting that he was pressing the Charnwood Borough Council to purchase the R.A.F. Houses in the village now declared surplus to requirements by the Air Ministry.

Parking in the Village Centre.

Mr.Scarlett asked for this Item to be included in the Agenda for the next meeting.

There was no further business, Mr.Scarlett proposed a vote of thanks to Mr.Bell for allowing the meeting to be held at his house.

The Chairman then declared the meeting closed at 11-30 p.m.



24.6.74

A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE  
VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, 24TH. JUNE, 1974, AT 8-0 P.M.

Present.

Mr.J.R.Bell, Chairman, Miss M.I.Fletcher,  
Messrs. S.Eggleston, B.Moore, and B.Scarlett,  
Charnwood District Councillor.

In Memoriam.

It was with sadness that the death of Mr.D.M.Lawson on 12th. June, 1974, was recorded. As a token of respect, the Chairman asked the Council to stand for a minutes silence. Mr.Lawson had been a member of the Parish Council for the past fifteen years, and for five of these had held the office of Chairman. His wisdom and guidance has been of great value to the Council, and will be sadly missed.

Apology.

Apology for non-attendance was received from Mr.T.A.S.Branston.

Resignation of  
Mr.Corrigan.

The Chairman reported that for health reasons Mr.J.Corrigan had tendered his resignation from the Parish Council. It was with regret that Mr.Corrigan's resignation was accepted, and the Clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks to Mr.Corrigan for his valuable services to the Parish Council during the past two years, and to wish him a speedy recovery to normal health.

Notification of  
vacancies.

Two vacancies now existed within the Parish Council, and the Chairman informed the meeting that in accordance with current legislation these must be filled by co-option with the full majority (unanimous) vote of the remaining Councillors. Also a notice reporting the existance of the vacancies must be published on the Parish Notice Board, and inviting anyone interested in the affairs of the Parish to submit their name for consideration within a period of fourteen days. It was agreed that this notice should be published immediately.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th.May, 1974, having been previously circulated, were confirmed as being correct, and were signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising  
from these  
Minutes.

17.15 Trent Bus Service, Nottingham to Loughborough.  
Letter from the Trent Motor Traction Company stated that subject to approval by the Traffic Commissioners,



this service would be adjusted to operate via Burton-on-the Wolds. Notification of the introductory date will be given when the various formalities have been completed.

Proposed new Circular Bus Route.

A letter from the Trent Motor Traction Company expressed their willingness to co-operate in the provision of any service felt to be socially desirable, but were not prepared to undertake uneconomical work without financial safeguards. The letter also stated that the Company would be prepared to discuss the proposed service with the Council or with Officers of the County Authority.

It was agreed to send a copy of this letter to the Transportation Committee of the County Council.

A letter from the County Secretary stated that the views of the County Engineer and Surveyor were being obtained in connection with this matter.

Letters expressing support for the proposed service had been received from the Parish Councils of Wymeswold and Hoton.

Playing Field Mowing Charges.

Mr. Moore reported that no records of visits by the Mowing Service Unit of the County Council to the School Playing Field were kept by the Headmaster. Mr. Branston had made enquiries at County Hall, and had reported to the Clerk that the list of visits was in fact correct.

It was agreed to pay the mowing charge of £60.34 and to inform the Department concerned that a note of visits by the Service Unit will be made in the future.

Equipment for Burton-on-the-Wolds Pre-School Play Group.

Further details of the finances and organisation of this group had been received, and this met with the approval of the Council. On the proposal of Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Eggleston, it was agreed to purchase Play Equipment to the value of £51.35.

Equipment for Burton-on-the-Wolds Youth Club.

No more information had been received since the last meeting, and it was agreed to defer further discussion on this until more information is available.

Complaints concerning Mr. Hubbard's premises, and premises off Souters Lane.

Mr. Scarlett reported that careful investigations were still being carried out in connection with these complaints

by the Borough of Charnwood.

Subscription to Leicestershire Association of Parish Councils.

A letter from the Association stated that for the year 1974-5 they were prepared to accept the subscription of £12.50 suggested by the Parish Council, but emphasized that this concession applied to the current year only.

R.A.F.Houses.

Mr.Scarlett reported that negotiations for the purchase of these houses were still being carried out by the Borough of Charnwood.

Correspondence.

Planning Applications.

The following Planning Applications had been received:-  
74/0131/2 11-4-74 Pickering, Spinney Farm,  
Burton-on-the-Wolds. Loose Boxes and store for horses.

74/0187/2 23-4-74 Brush Fusegear Ltd.

Burton-on-the-Wolds. Provision of adequate car parks,  
Cliff Works.

There were no objections raised to these two Applications.

Appeal for financial help by the Leicestershire Rural Community Council.

It was agreed not to support this Appeal.

Concessionary Bus Fares.

Miss Fletcher had kindly agreed to issue the tokens from her house, and the necessary information concerning time and dates had already been given to the Borough of Charnwood to enable them to publish this in the local press.

Rural Bus Services.

The County Council in conjunction with the Borough of Charnwood were seeking information on the adequacy of existing bus services. As this information was required before the date of this meeting, the Clerk had consulted Miss Fletcher on this, and the following comments had been returned:-

The services at peak times conveying people to and from work are adequate, and the service is satisfactory during the morning for shopping in Loughborough.

On Sundays and Bank Holidays there are no buses operating through Burton at all.

This information was confirmed by the meeting, but it was agreed that the following information should also be forwarded to the Borough of Charnwood:-

There is no convenient bus to enable students attending evening classes in Loughborough to return to Burton. The existing situation being that students have to wait until the 22-36 bus to get home.

#### Request from Burton Table Tennis Club.

Information had been received from Mrs. Morris concerning the formation of a Table Tennis Club in Burton, with a request for financial help in the purchase of equipment. Mr. Moore proposed and the meeting agreed that the sum of £60.00 provisionally set aside for the Youth Club be divided, and a sum not exceeding £30.00 be donated to the Burton Table Tennis Club for the purchase of equipment. It was also agreed that Mrs. Morris should be informed that in the event of the Club ceasing to operate, the equipment should remain in the Village Hall in the care of the Management Committee.

#### Theatre Licences.

Letter from the Borough of Charnwood informing the Parish Council that as from 1st. April, 1974, the Charnwood Borough Council became the Licensing Authority for theatre performances. The Parish Council was asked to draw the attention of any organisers of plays or similar entertainment to the necessity of obtaining a license for premises used for such purposes. The Clerk was asked to inform Mr. Wheeler, Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee about this.

#### Street Collections.

Letter from the Borough of Charnwood informing the Parish Council that as from 2nd. May, 1974, the Charnwood Borough Council became the Authority controlling Street Collections. A list of Regulations concerning Street Collections was also enclosed, and it was agreed that a copy of this should be published on the Parish Notice Board.

#### Land for Housing Purposes.

A request had been received from the Borough of Charnwood for the Parish Council to fill in a questionnaire giving details of land in the parish suitable for purchase by the Charnwood Borough Council for housing purposes.

It was agreed to inform the Charnwood Borough Council of the information given to the Parish Council by the County Council of the County Plan for Future Development in Burton-on-the-Wolds. This information was as follows:-

"In the County Plan for Future Development Burton-on-the-Wolds has been classified as a Group 2 or Restraint Village, and there would be no large development taking place in the village. Any additional development would be restricted to infilling consisting of individual dwellings within the village confines"

#### Land for Parish Purposes.

A further request had been received from the Borough of Charnwood for information concerning land requirements in the parish for playing fields, car parks, cemetery extensions etc. It was agreed to ask for more time to discuss this further. The Chairman proposed that this could be discussed at an informal meeting, to which Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Betts, representing the Village Hall and the Playing Field Committee be invited. This was agreed upon by the meeting.

#### Field Footpath Signposting and Waymarking.

Letter from the County Engineer and Surveyor stated that during the next two to three years the County Council is carrying out a programme of signposting field footpaths at their junction with County maintained highways. The Parish Council was asked to inform Mr. J. Ash, Divisional Surveyor, of the field footpaths they wished to be signposted.

The Wolds Footpath Group had been asked to give their views on this, and they had submitted a list of paths they considered should be signposted as follows:-

H76, The Eastern End, adjacent to the Durham Ox.

H77, Both sides of the B676.

H98A, At both ends.

H91, Eastern End.

H99A, Eastern End.

H78, Southern End.

The meeting agreed that this list of paths should be forwarded to the Divisional Surveyor.

It was also agreed that the paths recently diverted should not be signposted until the paths had become official rights of way.

Proposed extinguishment of Footpath H98A, Burton-on-the-Wolds.

A letter from the Borough of Charnwood stated that it was proposed to extinguish part of this footpath connecting the Barrow Road, Burton, and the B675. The proposal being part of the overall scheme for rationalisation of footpaths in the area.

The meeting agreed that the footpath was far too useful to be extinguished, forming as it did part of a circular walk within easy reach of the village. The path follows a hedge throughout its length, thus causing minimal obstruction to farming operations.

It was agreed to inform the Borough of Charnwood that the Parish Council objected to the extinguishment of the path. In making this decision, the views of the Wolds Footpath Group had been taken into consideration.

Appointment of Primary School Manager.

A request had been received from the Director of Education for the Parish Council to appoint a representative to the Board of Managers of the Burton Primary School. The appointment to terminate in May 1977. Mr Eggleston is the retiring representative, and it was the unanimous wish of the meeting that he be re-elected for this new term of office. Mr Eggleston thanked the meeting for his appointment and accepted the office.

Removal of two School Signs on the B676, Burton.

A letter from the Divisional Surveyor informed the meeting that he was arranging the removal of two School Signs which were now surplus to requirements. These had in fact been taken down, and Miss Fletcher reported that one had been left on the footpath in what she considered was a dangerous position for pedestrians. It was agreed to ask the Divisional Surveyor to have this removed as quickly as possible.

Burial Ground maintenance.

A letter had been received from the Hon. Secretary of the Prestwold, Hoton, Burton and Cotes Parochial Church Council asking for financial help for maintaining the Burton Burial Ground, together with a request for the Parish Council to arrange for the County Council to undertake the mowing in the Cemetery.

The Parish Council already paid half the annual maintenance costs of the Burton Burial Ground, with the proviso that this did not exceed £25.00.



The Rev. Everitt attending the meeting as a member of the public was asked to comment on this, and explained that since the retirement of Mr. Brooks through ill health, it had been difficult to find someone to carry out the maintenance of the Cemetery without involving high costs.

Mr. Scarlett offered to make enquiries at the Borough of Charnwood to see if the Parks Department could help with this problem.

Appeal by Mr. J. Basford, Barrow Road, Burton-on-the-Wolds.

Letter from the Borough of Charnwood for information only stated that the appeal made by Mr. J. Basford concerning land off Barrow Road, Burton has been dismissed by the Department of the Environment.

Grant to Burton Cricket Club.

An application had been received from the Honary Secretary of the recently re-formed Burton Cricket Club for a grant towards the purchase of new cricket equipment. A list of new equipment required totalling £82.92 had also been enclosed.

It was agreed to support the members in their efforts to reform the club, and on the proposition of Mr. Eggleston, seconded by Mr. Moore, it was agreed to purchase new equipment to the value of £50.00, to paid out of the surplus Lighting Fund.

Car Parking, Village Centre.

Mr. Scarlett raised the problem of parking facilities in the village centre since the introduction of the double yellow lines. The Chairman gave details of the views given to the Barrow-upon-Soar Rural District Council on this problem, and Mr. Scarlett asked if he could have copies of this correspondence. This was agreed upon.

Cheques.

The Clerk reported that the Cheque Book had been sent to the District Audit together with the Accounts, and it was agreed that the signing of cheques be left until the return of the accounts, and the authorisation of the cheques be made at the next meeting.

Date of next meeting.

The date of the next meeting was arranged for 5th. Aug. 1974, at 7-30 p.m.

There was no further business, and the Chairman closed the meeting at 10-30 p.m.

 5.8.74

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE  
RESIDENCE OF MR.BELL ON WED.24TH.JULY,1974,AT 7-30,P.M.

Present. Mr.J.R.Bell, Chairman, Miss M.I.Fletcher, and  
Mr.S.Eggleston.

Apology. An apology for non-attendance was received from Mr.B.Moore.

Purpose of Meeting. To co-opt two local government electors on to the Parish Council to fill the vacancies caused by the death of Mr.D.M.Lawson, and the resignation of Mr.J.Corrigan.

Meeting in Committee. It was agreed that this meeting should be held in Committee.

Notification of vacancies. In accordance with current legislation the two vacancies existing within the Parish Council had been published on the Parish Notice Board for fourteen days.  
The Chairman reported that he had received notification from the following local government electors of their wish to be considered for co-option to the Parish Council:-  
Mrs.A.H.Morris, 7,Hall Drive, Burton-on-the-Wolds.  
The Rev.W.F.J.Everitt, 17,Springfield Close, Burton-on-the-Wolds.  
Mr.C.A.Betts, 9,Loughborough Road, Burton-on-the-Wolds.  
Mr.G.M.Enright, 27, Springfield Close, Burton-on-the-Wolds.

After careful consideration, and on the proposition of Mr.Eggleston, seconded by Miss Fletcher, it was unanimously agreed that Mr.C.A.Betts, and Mr.G.M.Enright should be co-opted to fill the two vacancies.

The Chairman reported that Mr.Moore had intimated that he would support this decision. This meant that this was the unanimous decision of the remaining members of the Parish Council.

This concluded the business for which the meeting had held, and the Chairman declared the meeting closed.



5.8.74



A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE  
VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, 5TH. AUGUST, 1974, AT 7-30 P.M.

Present.

Mr.J.R.Bell, Chairman, Miss M.I.Fletcher,  
Messrs. C.A.Betts, G.M.Enright, B.Moore, and  
B.Scarlett, Borough of Charnwood Councillor.

Apologies.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from  
Mr.Eggleston and Mr.Branston, County Councillor.

New members and  
Form of Acceptance  
of Office.

The Chairman welcomed the new members, Mr.Betts and  
Mr.Enright, who then signed Forms of Acceptance of  
Office.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the meetings held on 24th. June, 1974,  
and 24th. July, 1974, having been previously  
circulated were confirmed as being correct and signed  
by the Chairman.

Matters arising  
from the Minutes  
dated 24th. June,  
1974.

Rural Bus Service.

Letter from the County Secretary stated that the  
County Engineer is in the process of collecting  
information in preparation for an exploratory meeting  
with the Trent Motor Traction Company.

The letter also stated that a Doctor's Surgery was  
open each mid-day on Monday to Friday at Wymeswold  
where prescriptions may be collected.

It was agreed to inform the County Council that due  
to the lack of public transport it was just as  
difficult for people without private transport to get  
to Wymeswold as it is to the Surgery at Barrow.

It was also agreed to send a resolution to the Annual  
General Meeting of the Leicestershire Association of  
Parish Councils requesting the Association to press  
for an improvement in Rural Bus Services.

Questionnaire relating to Land for Parish purposes.

Mr.Scarlett advised the meeting to return this  
Questionnaire as soon as possible as the Borough of  
Charnwood would be looking into the requirements of  
Parishes very soon.

The Chairman agreed to call an early meeting to  
discuss this matter.

Signposting of Field Footpaths.

The Divisional Surveyor had agreed to sign all the  
field footpaths as per the list in the previous  
Minutes.

Enclosed piece of land alongside Melton road.

Following a further request for the County Council to mow this piece of land, the District Surveyor has stated that it is not practicable to mow it by machine due to the iron fencing, and that hand mowing is too costly. It was suggested that if the iron railings were removed then the County Council would be prepared to mow it by machine. As this fencing was originally erected by public subscription it was felt that there would be some objection to it's removal on the part of the older parishioners. It was agreed to leave this in abeyance for the time being.

Tipping on Burton Common.

The District Surveyor has issued instructions that the County Council road sweeping vehicles should not tip on the Common in future.

Maintenance of the Burton Brook.

A letter from the District Surveyor informed the Council that in future the Borough of Charnwood Council will carry out the clearing of the brook at Burton.

Mowing of the Burton Burial Ground.

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had made arrangements with Mr.Saunders to mow the Burial Ground free of charge in return for the hay thus obtained.

Grant to the Burton Cricket Club.

A letter of thanks had been received from the Honorary Secretary of the Cricket Club for the grant of £50.00 for new equipment.

Car Parking, Village Centre.

Mr.Scarlett reported having read and considered the correspondence which had passed between the Parish Council and the Barrow-upon-Soar Rural District Council concerning this matter. Although he did not consider the two sites proposed for development as parking areas being ideal, Mr.Scarlett was unable to suggest a more suitable alternative site.

The meeting agreed that the main need for parking was of short duration to visit the village shops, one of which was on the other side of the B676 to the proposed parking areas, and would involve a certain amount of danger crossing this road.

The meeting finally agreed that the most suitable alternative was for a section of the double yellow line

restriction in front of Mr.Wheeler's shop, and Mr.Corrigan's house to be altered to parking of a short duration. It was also agreed that Mr.Scarlett ask the Borough of Charnwood Council to make this request to the County Council.

Matters arising  
from the Minutes  
dated 24-7-74.

Nil.

Correspondence.

Prestwold Parochial Charities.

Copies of the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st. December, 1973, were presented to the meeting.

Criteria concerning Speed Limits.

This is being considered by the National Association of Local Councils, and Parish Councils are invited to give their views and suggestions.

Considerable correspondence has passed between the Parish Council and various authorities concerning the extension of the speed limit restriction on Barrow road without success.

The meeting agreed to make a further effort, and the Clerk was asked to supply Mr.Scarlett with copies of all the correspondence concerning Barrow road speed restrictions to enable him to discuss the problem with the local Member of Parliament, Mr.Michael Latham.

Delegate to attend Leicestershire Association of Parish Council and Charnwood District Committee meetings.

It was agreed that Mr.Enright should attend these meetings together with the Clerk.

The next meeting of the Charnwood District Committee had been arranged for Tuesday, 17th.Sept.1974. at 7-30p.m. in the Bishop Beveridge Rooms, Barrow-upon-Soar.

Repairs to Bus Shelter.

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had received a report concerning the seat in the bus shelter. The supports for this had been broken and the seat left in a dangerous condition. In order to prevent possible accidents, arrangements had been made to remove the seat completely, and for it to be stored at the nearby premises of Mr.Saunders.

Also in order to remove unpleasant graffiti, the shelter had been treated with cuprinol.

The cost of this work amounted to £6.80. It was agreed to accept this and a cheque for this amount was signed.

Cheques.

The following cheques were authorised and signed.

Leics. Assc. of Parish Councils.	£13.47✓
Audit Stamp for year ending 31-3-74.	£05.00✓
Leics. County Council, Mowing Services 1973-4.	£60.34✓
Clerk's Telephone Account. 2-5-74.	£12.79✓
Harry Prince, Cricket Equipment.	£55.00✓
Lythwon, Play Group Equipment.	£51.35✓
H.E.Morgan and Son, Cuprinal.	£03.40✓
Mr.I.C.Elliott, Repairs to Bus Shelter.	£06.80✓
P.F.Oswin, Photo-copying of Minutes.	£1.84✓

Date of next Meeting.

The next meeting was arranged for Monday, 23rd. Sept. 1974, at 7-30 p.m.

Any other business.

Public Telephone Kiosk.

The Chairman reported having received a complaint concerning the dirty condition of the interior of the public telephone kiosk.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Post Master at Loughborough requesting that the necessary action be taken to clean the kiosk.

Village Hall Management Committee Meetings.

The Chairman also drew the attention of the meeting to the lack of procedure in the calling of Village Hall Management Committee Meetings.

In the Scheme drawn up by the Charities Commission, the section relating to the calling of meetings stated that all organisations using the Village Hall must be notified of a Management Committee Meeting to enable a representative to attend. This the Chairman reported was not being carried out.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Hon. Secretary of the Village Hall Management Committee respectfully pointing out this omission, and to ask for assurance that this procedure will be carried out in future.

It was also agreed to remind the Village Hall Management Committee of the untidy state of the damaged fence on the front of the Hall, and to again ask the Committee to press for this to be repaired.

Overgrown Hedge, Loughborough Road.

Miss Fletcher reported that the hedge alongside the footpath on the Loughborough road (opposite Springfield Close) was badly overgrown, and encroaching on the path. Mr.Betts also reported that further along this path

towards the Old Burton School trees were overhanging the wall alongside the path causing obstruction.

It was agreed to report this to the Divisional Surveyor.

There were no further items under Any other business, and the Chairman declared this part of the meeting closed.

Meeting held in  
Committee.

It was agreed to re-open the meeting in Committee for the purpose of the revision of the Clerk's Salary.

Revision of Clerk's Salary.

The Clerk asked to be allowed to withdraw from the meeting during the discussion of this revision, this was agreed upon.

Upon being re-called to the meeting the Clerk was asked to record the following decision.

It was proposed by Mr. Enright, and seconded by Miss Fletcher that the Formula recommended by the National Association of Local Councils for the calculation of Part Time Clerk's Salaries commencing 1st. April, 1974, should be followed.

The Formula is as follows:- Twenty two and a half per cent ( $22\frac{1}{2}\%$ ) of the penny rate product of the parish or the same percentage of the population (expressed as a figure in pounds) whichever is the less.

Population of the Parish of Burton is 835.

Product of Penny Rate for 1974-5 is £821.

$$821 \times \frac{22\frac{1}{2}}{100} = £184$$

It was agreed that this new salary should commence on 1st. August, 1974, when the restrictions laid down by the Pay Board cease to apply.

The Clerk expressed his thanks to the meeting for this generous increase.

This concluded the business of the Committee meeting, and the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9-35p.m.

*Moore*

23 Sept 1974.



A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE VILLAGE  
HALL ON MONDAY, 23RD. SEPTEMBER, 1974, AT 7-30 P.M.

Present. Miss M.I.Fletcher, Messrs. C.A.Betts, S.Eggleston,  
B.Moore, and B.Scarlett, Borough of Charnwood Councillor.

Apologies. Apologies for non-attendance were received from  
Mr.J.R.Bell, and Mr.G.M.Enright.

Chairman. In the absence of Mr.Bell, the Vice-Chairman, Mr.B.Moore  
presided.

Minutes. The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th.Aug.1974, having  
been previously circulated, were confirmed as being  
correct and were signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising Circular Bus Service.

from these  
Minutes.

Following a request sent from the meeting held on  
8th.May,1974, a letter had been received from the County  
Engineer and Surveyor giving details of the proposed  
circular bus route. The Trent Motor Traction Company were  
in the process of preparing a scale of fares based on the  
proposed timetable.  
The meeting considered the scheme to be excellent, and  
one that would attract support from the villages upon it's  
introduction.

The letter asked for an estimate of the number of  
passengers likely to use the service at Burton, the  
meeting felt that as it was not possible at this stage  
to publish the timetable they were unable to give an  
accurate estimate of the number of likely passengers.  
The Council would however be prepared to carry out any  
necessary survey as a prelude to the introduction of the  
scheme.

Land Requirements for Parish Purposes.

Mr.Scarlett recommended that the Parish Council asks the  
Charnwood Borough Council to purchase land off the Barrow  
Road and adjacent to the R.A.F. Officers houses for the  
site of a new Village Hall, This was agreed upon together  
with the decision to ask for the purchase of land to provide  
car parking facilities.

Speed Limit, Barrow Road.

Mr.Scarlett presented correspondence received from  
Mr.Latham, M.P. and the County Engineer and Surveyor.  
This stated that the frontage development along Barrow

Road is such that the existing 30m.p.h. speed limit should be extended, and that this would be in accordance with the Department of the Environment's speed limit criteria. The Parish Council will be advised on the extent of the extension when further investigations and road measurements have been carried out.

Bus Shelter.

Following the removal of the seat in the Bus Shelter the nuisance created by youths congregating in and around the shelter had ceased. Bearing in mind that the seat was of benefit to older people waiting for buses, it was agreed that the seat should not be replaced for the time being.

Overgrown Hedges.

The section of hedge alongside the Loughborough Road and adjoining Mr.Simon-Packe-Drury Lowe's land had been cut. This left a section adjoining Mr.A.T. Brickwood's field not cut. The Clerk was asked to report this to the District Surveyor. Mr.Eggleston reported that the hedge alongside the footpath on the Wymeswold Lane also needed cutting back. Miss Fletcher also reported that the bank encroaching on the footpath on the side of Melton Road had not yet received attention, this had previously been pointed out to the District Surveyor during his visit to the village. The Clerk was asked to include this in the letter.

Public Telephone Kiosk.

A letter from the Head Postmaster, Leicester, stated that the Kiosk should receive regular attention and cleaning, and that he was making the necessary arrangements to ensure that this was carried out in the future.

Nottingham to Loughborough Trent Bus service via Burton.

A letter from the Trent Motor Traction Company informed the Council that the 17.15 Nottingham to Loughborough service will operate via. Burton, commencing 2nd.Sept. 1974.



Correspondence Appointment of School Manager.

Letter from the Director of Education requesting that the appointment of a representative on the Board of School Managers from the Parish Council be deferred until further notice, in the meantime the existing representative will continue to serve.

In view of the fact that Mr.Eggleston had already been re-elected at the Parish Council meeting held on 24th. June,1974, no further action was necessary.

Wolds Footpath Group.

Copy of a letter (for information only) sent by the Group to the County Secretary listing the field footpaths in the Parish in need of attention in order to provide reasonable access.

Burton-on-the-Wolds Play Group.

A letter from the Secretary of this Group had been received thanking the Parish Council for the Play Equipment recently purchased.

Burton Table Tennis Club.

The Council had been informed that the Burton Youth Club had ceased to operate.

Miss Fletcher then proposed, seconded by Mr.Betts that the £60.00 originally agreed to be divided equally between the Burton Youth Club and the newly formed Burton Table Tennis Club should now be used solely to purchase equipment for the Table Tennis Club. This Minute therefore supersedes the decision made at the meeting held on 24th.June,1974.

Equipment to the value of £10.34 had already been purchased, and it was agreed that a cheque for this amount be signed. This leaves a balance of £49.66 for the purchase of further equipment.

Various Village Matters.

A letter from Mr.Hawes asked if the Burton Old Tyme Dancing Club had received a grant from the Street Lighting Surplus Fund. Miss Fletcher reported that the majority of people attending this club came from outside the Parish. Taking note of this information it was agreed not to make a grant to this Club.

Mr.Hawes also asked if a list of all the beneficiaries of the Street Lighting Fund could be displayed on the Parish Council Notice Board. It was agreed that this should be done, and the Clerk was asked to inform

Mr.Hawes of these decisions.

Conference, "Fair Play for Children."

An invitation to attend a Conference on the above subject had been received. It was agreed to extend this invitation to the Playing Field Committee, and Mr.Betts agreed to attend to it.

Burton Playing Field.

A letter had been received from the Playing Field Committee requesting the Council to consider the ownership of the Playing Field being vested in the Parish Council.

After consideration it was agreed that due to legal difficulties it is not feasible for the Council to undertake ownership of the Playing Field.

The Council also agreed that no advantage would be gained by becoming a Corporate Trustee of the Playing Field, but would however, consider this if asked to do so.

The Clerk was asked to convey the view of the Council to the Hon. Secretary of the Playing Field Committee.

Unsewered Properties.

Copies of a Questionnaire had been received from the Severn-Trent Water Authority with the request that the Council distributes these to the owners of properties not connected, or connectable to a main sewer.

The Questionnaire is in preparation for legislation (not yet introduced) to enable the owners of such properties to claim rebates from the General Service Charge.

Mr.Moore agreed to distribute the forms on Barrow Road and the Clerk was asked to contact Mrs.Lawson in connection with the distribution to the outlying farms in the Parish.

Mr.Scarlett reported that he was pressing the Borough of Charnwood to provide a main Sewer along Barrow Road.

Planning Applications.

Notification of the following Planning Applications had been received:-

74/0830/2 24-7-74 Kettle,B., Extension to dwelling, 21, Loughborough Road, Burton-on-the-Wolds.

74/0937/2 6-8-74, Hardstaff,D., Extensions, new garage, storm porch, store, W.C., and two bedrooms. 15, Brook Street, Burton-on-the-Wolds.

74/0995/2 13-8-74, Bell,J.R., Provision of new dining room.

20, Springfield Close, Burton-on-the-Wolds.

74/1102/2 29-8-74, Loughborough Rovers Football Club, (Burton Playing Field Association), Proposed extension to Sports Pavilion, Playing Field, Barrow Road, Burton-on-the-Wolds.

74/1196/2 12-9-74 Mrs.D.M.Lawson, Erection of two, three, or four houses or bungalows, land fronting on to Brook Street and forming part of the grounds of The Cottage, 8 and 10, Melton Road, Burton-on-the-Wolds.

There were no objections raised to these Applications, but it was agreed to ask the Borough of Charnwood Planning Department to notify the occupiers of properties adjacent to the proposed planning on Mrs.Lawson's ~~and~~ <sup>na</sup> property, informing them of the nature and extent of the planning. It was also agreed to draw the ~~across~~ Department's notice to the existence of a culvert ~~in~~ extending across this property, through which flows the Burton Brook.

Cheques.

The following cheques were authorised and signed:-

Leics. Assc. of Parish Councils,

(Five Handbooks,B/B.

£1.00 ✓

Charles Wicksteed, Playing Field

Equipment.

£435.00 ✓

Council for Protection of Rural

England. Subscription for 1974.

£1.00 ✓

P.F.Oswin, Clerk's Telephone Account.

£16.54 ✓

Date of next meeting.

The next meeting was arranged for Monday,11th.November, 1974, at 7-30p.m.

Any other business.

Street Lamps, R.A.F. Housing Estate.

Mr.Moore had received a complaint regarding the street lamps on the R.A.F. Housing estate off Barrow Road.

The Clerk reported that he was fairly certain that the maintenance of these lamps was the responsibility of the Air Ministry, but would make enquiries in order to confirm this.

Wymeswold Airfield.

Mr. Scarlett asked for this to be included in the Agenda for the next meeting.

There was no further business and the Chairman closed the meeting at 10-10p.m.



11. Nov 74.

A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, 11TH. NOVEMBER, 1974, AT 7-30 P.M.

Present.

Mr.J.R.Bell, Chairman, Miss M.I.Fletcher,  
Messrs. C.A.Betts, S.Eggleston, G.M.Enright, B.Moore,  
and B.Scarlett, Borough of Charnwood Councillor.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23rd. September, 1974, having been previously circulated, were confirmed as being correct, and were signed by the Chairman.

Matters

arising from  
these Minutes

Circular Bus Service.

A letter from the County Engineer and Surveyor stated that this service would almost certainly require a subsidy. The justification of a subsidy would depend on an adequate level of passenger usage. The County Council is obtaining passenger loading figures of existing services within the area, which they felt would indicate likely usage of the Circular Service. The Parish Council will be kept informed of further development.

30 m.p.h. Speed Limit, Barrow Road.

Official confirmation had now been received from the County Council stating that the 30 m.p.h. restriction was being extended to No.51, Barrow Road.

The restriction will now extend to the edge of the village, and will include the Primary School entrance. The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Michael Latham, M.P. for his help in the successful conclusion to this matter.

The Headmaster of the Burton County Primary School had been notified of the extension, and a letter of thanks had been received.

Overgrown Hedges.

A letter from the Divisional Surveyor stated that the overgrown hedges had been cut back, and the footpath on the Melton Road would be attended to by the visiting Highways Gang on the next visit to the village.

Miss Fletcher agreed to keep this under observation.

Conference, Fair Play for Children.

Mrs.Masters had attended this Conference and was prepared to give a report to the Council, but was unable to attend through illness. It was agreed to invite

Mrs. Masters to attend the next meeting.

Correspondence.

Burton Table Tennis Club.

A formal application for a grant from the Street Lighting Surplus Fund had now been received from this Club.

County Structure Plan.

Notification had been received of an Examination in Public of the above Plan, to be held in Leicester on Tuesday, 3rd. December, 1974, at 10-30 in the County Rooms.

Mr. Scarlett informed the meeting that the Classification of the villages had been altered. The Parish Council had been previously informed that Burton-on-the-Wolds was a Class 2 or Restraint Village. Mr. Scarlett offered to make enquires to see if this classification for Burton had been altered.

Prohibition of Cycling Order, Mundy Close.

Notice has been received that Cycling is now prohibited along the footpath leading from Mundy Close to the Loughborough Road. A notice to this effect has been placed on the Parish Notice Board.

District Rates.

A letter had been received together with a copy of a resolution proposed by the Wymeswold Parish Council opposing any future increase in the Rates. The Burton Parish Council was being asked to give support to this resolution.

Mr. Moore proposed, and the meeting agreed that the following resolutions should be sent to the Treasurer of the County Council, the Treasurer of the Borough of Charnwood, County Councillor Branston, Councillor Scarlett, Wymeswold Parish Council, and the Loughborough Echo.

1. "The Parish Council is concerned at the current high burden of rate demands on the residents of this village, and urge both the County Council and the Charnwood Borough Council to do their utmost to ensure that any necessary increases during 1975 are kept to an absolute minimum, and certainly within the published increases in the cost of living index."

2. " That a realistic differential is maintained between the rate levied in the urban and rural areas,

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bearing in mind that many of the facilities that are provided by the rates are primarily to the benefit and enjoyment of town and city dwellers.

The increasing costs of public transport from the village to the town should also be considered, as should the recommended policy of maintaining a certain degree of village autonomy ".

#### Field Footpaths.

Since the formation of the Wolds Footpath Group considerable survey work had been carried out on the field footpaths, and this had resulted in the following proposed amendments to the footpath diversions agreed upon at the Special Parish Meeting held on 31st. Jan. 1972.

#### I2, Burton Old School to Cotes.

The East end of the path should leave the B675 road on the North side of the first hedge South of the existing I2. It should follow the North side of this hedge, and then the hedge forming the Southern boundary of the second field crossed by the present right of way.

It should continue along the private road to Burton Bandalls as far as the South bank of the brook which it should follow to reach Catsick Lane at the same point as the current I2, here following outside the perimeter of the wood.

#### H99, Burton Old School to Prestwold Church section.

The South end of this path where it traverses Rookery Plantation to remain unchanged. From Rookery Plantation to Prestwold Church the path to follow the diversion already proposed, namely, follow the outside of Rookery Plantation towards the new avenue of trees, and then pass along this on the East side of the B676 road to the brook. It should follow the South bank of the brook to the bridge crossing it and then double back along the North bank to reach the culvert. The path should follow the culvert to Prestwold Hall garden wall and from here direct to the Churchyard gate.

Although the Parish Council had supported the original proposed diversions of footpaths agreed upon by the Area Surveyor together with Mr.Packe-Drury-Lowe and the Leicestershire Footpath Association, it was agreed that the proposed amendments would prove beneficial to the land-owner and the users of the footpaths. The Wolds Footpath Group had obtained the approval of Mr.Packe-Drury-Lowe to these amendments.

The meeting agreed that a letter should be sent to the Borough of Charnwood supporting the proposed amendments.

Public Transport Survey.

A survey of Public Transport is being carried out by the County Council, and the help of Parish Councils has been requested.

The meeting decided to use the Personal Survey Form, this involves calling at every fourth household on the register of electors. When complete, the forms are to be returned to the Chief Executive, Borough of Charnwood. Miss Fletcher kindly agreed to distribute and collect the Forms.

30 m.p.h. Speed Restriction, Loughborough Road, (B676).

Letter from the County Engineer and Surveyor stated that consultations are being carried out regarding a proposal to extend the existing 30 m.p.h. speed restriction on Loughborough Road, Route B676 in order to cover the frontage development, and improve the forward visibility of the signs, as indicated on the enclosed map No. 7782/14/1. The Council was asked to give any observations they so wished, and it was agreed to ask for the restriction to be extended to the Western extremity of Springfield Close. It was felt that this would give an earlier warning to traffic entering the village down hill at high speeds, and due to a dip in the road causing loss of view of traffic entering the village, it would also help drivers of vehicles moving out of Springfield Close. Furthermore the grassed area in front of Springfield Close is used as a play area by children, and is an additional hazard to fast moving traffic on the B676.

Burton Playing Field Association, (Tennis Courts).

A request has been received from the Playing Field Association for the Parish Council to consider giving financial help to provide Tennis Courts on the Playing Field. The Association would require £1,000 immediately, and a further £1,000 spread over five years.

Ever mindfull of the achievements of the Association in providing excellent leisure facilities on the Playing Field, the request had a sympathetic hearing. However the Council felt unable to support the building of the Tennis courts for the following reasons:-

1. The Courts would have a limited appeal.
2. The already increasing rate burden on the villagers.

3. That the current regrettable vandalism now apparent, the position of the courts could possibly incur additional expenses above that of normal wear and tear. The Council suggested that the Association investigates the possibilities of a longer term loan, and communicates the details of this to the Parish Council for further consideration.

Mud deposited on Hall Drive.

A letter had been received from Mrs. Mc. Manus, 9, Hall Drive, complaining about mud deposited on Hall Drive from the wheels of farm vehicles during potato harvesting. The Council was sympathetic towards this problem, but was unable to help due to Hall Drive being a private road. It was agreed however to write to the farmer concerned asking for his co-operation in keeping this problem to a minimum during future operations.

Burton Memorial Hall, Boundary Fence.

A letter from the Chairman of the Management Committee stated that he has received a definite promise that the fence will be repaired very shortly. The Clerk was asked to thank Mr. Wheeler for this information, and at the same time to ask for his assurance that in future all the Secretaries of the organisations using the Hall will receive notification of Management Committee meetings.

Planning Applications.

The following Planning Applications had been received.

74/1245/2. 19-9-74, Brush Fusegear Ltd, Burton-on-the-Wolds, Extension to Car Park, Cliff Works.

74/1453/2, 18-10-74, Grudgings, K. Burton-on-the-Wolds, Proposed window alterations, 1, Seymour Close.

74/1488/2, 24-10-74, D.H. Johns and Son, Burton-on-the-Wolds, Erection of a building for the storage of hay, straw, corn, cattle, machinery, etc., land at Keeper's Lodge Farm.

74/1518/2, 28-10-74, Mrs. M. Hoskins, Burton-on-the-Wolds, Extension to garage and erection of Boiler House, 42, Springfield Close.

There were no objections to these Applications, but with

reference to Planning Application No. 74/1245/2, Brush Fusegear Ltd., the Clerk was asked to enquire if the extension of the Car Park will have any beneficial effect on the product of 1p. Rate.

Fishpond Wood.

The Chairman reported receiving an enquiry concerning the possibility of the area known as Fish Pond Wood being developed as an open space.

This is privately owned land and the Parish Council is unable to help in this matter.

It was agreed that the name and address of the present owner be passed on to the person making the enquiry.

Wymeswold Airfield.

Mr. Betts reported on a meeting with Mr. Michael Latham, M.P. concerning the future use of Wymeswold Airfield.

It was the general opinion that the Airfield should revert to its original agricultural state.

Mr. Scarlett presented a letter written by Mr. Latham to the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Defence for the Army giving strong support to this view.

The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Latham in support of his letter.

Provision of Allotments.

Mr. Moore reported having received seven enquiries for Allotments. In order to ascertain the possible demand for allotments, it was agreed to display a notice on the Parish Notice Board asking for applications in writing, should land be available.

Cheque.

Authorisation of Cheque.

The following cheque was authorised and signed:-

P.F. Oswin, Photo-copying of Minutes, £1.54 ✓

Date of next meeting.

The next meeting was fixed for 16th. December, 1974, at 7-30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Any other business.

The Clerk was asked to report the depositing of mud on the B676 near to Home Farm, Prestwold.

The Chairman reported the nameplate sign on Springfield Close needed repairing. The Clerk was asked to report this.

There was no further business, and the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.20 p.m.

 16.12.74

A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, 16TH. DECEMBER, 1974, AT 7-30 P.M.

- Present. Mr.J.R.Bell, Chairman, Miss M.I.Fletcher, Messrs. C.A.Betts, B.Moore, and B.Scarlett, (Borough of Charnwood Councillor). Mrs.Masters attended by invitation.
- Apologies. An apology for non-attendance was received from Mr.Branston Mr.Eggleston, and Mr.Enright.
- Minutes. Mr.Betts asked for the Minutes under Sub-heading Prohibition of Cycling Order, Mundy Close, to be amended to read as follows:- "Notice has been received that cycling is now prohibited along the footpath leading from Mundy Close to the Loughborough Road". The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th. Nov. 1974, having been previously circulated, were then confirmed as being correct, and were signed by the Chairman.
- Matters arising from these Minutes. 30 m.p.h. Speed Restrictions, Loughborough Road, (B676).  
The Parish Council's recommendation that the 30 m.p.h. Speed Restriction on this road should be extended to the Western extremity of Springfield Close had been considered by the County Council, but had been refused on the grounds that it did not meet criteria laid down by the Department of the Environment.  
It was agreed that a copy of the letter from the County Engineer, together with a copy of the Parish Council's letter in which the recommendation was made, should be sent to Mr.Branston, with the request that he supports the Parish Council when this is discussed at the County Highways Committee Meeting.
- District Rates. A reply to the two resolutions concerning District Rates had been received from the Borough of Charnwood Treasurer. This gave a list of amenities which from 1975-6 onwards will be treated as special expenditure chargeable on Loughborough and Shepshed areas only.
- Overhanging Trees on footpath, Loughborough Road, (B676).  
Mr.Betts reported that this problem still existed, and it was agreed to ask the District Surveyor to urge Mr.Packe-Drury-Lowe to cut back the trees.
- Public Transport Survey.  
Miss Fletcher reported that 90 forms had been distributed, and 83 completed forms returned.

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It was agreed not to carry out the long and involved exercise of collating the information and transferring it to the Parish Survey Form, but to ask that this be carried out by the County Council.

The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed that the Council's thanks to Miss Fletcher for all the work involved in the distribution and collection of the forms be recorded.

Repairs to the Memorial Hall Boundary Fence.

The Chairman proposed, and the meeting agreed that a strong letter of concern over the long delay in repairing this fence be sent to Mr.K.Grudgings, Contractor, who had agreed to carry out this work.

Wymeswold Airfield.

Mr.Scarlett presented a copy of a letter sent to Mr.Michael Latham, M.P., from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Defence for the Army.


This stated that the R.A.F. had had continual control of the airfield since the war, but at the same time had allowed the fullest possible agricultural use of the land by the local farmers.

The letter also stated that in the course of the Defence Lands Committee's deliberations on the future use of the airfield, every opportunity had been given to local residents to comment on the proposals, and that the Leicestershire County Council had declined an invitation to give evidence on Wymeswold Airfield. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the County Secretary expressing concern of the transfer of some of the Military Activities from Nottinghamshire to Wymeswold Airfield, and to ask for confirmation on the County Council's refusal to give evidence on this. It was also agreed that Mr.Scarlett should let Mr.Branston have a copy of the letter to Mr.Latham.

Fair Play for Children Conference, report by Mrs.Masters.

Mrs Masters reported that the Conference was mainly concerned with Adventure Playgrounds, and laid stress on the danger to children from farm machinery, etc. in farm buildings and the fields. This created a real need for suitably developed Playing Fields and recommended that Parish Councils should take the lead in this.

The Chairman thanked Mrs.Masters for attending the meeting and giving her report.





Correspondence     Main Sewer, Barrow Road.

A letter from the Secretary of the Borough of Charnwood stated that the Chief Technical Officer has informed Councillor Scarlett of the present position regarding the main drainage of Burton as part of the capital programme proposed to the Severn Trent Water Authority. The Borough of Charnwood is making every effort to convince the Water Authority that money should be made available for improvements to the main drainage in Burton.

Unsewered Properties.

Further correspondence has been received concerning unsewered properties stating that householders whose homes are not connected to the public sewerage system will qualify in 1975-6 for relief set at 50% of the general service charge. Details of the way in which the relief is to be given, and the types of property eligible, are still to be decided.

In the meantime the Parish Council has been asked to publicize this information by displaying a notice on the Parish Notice Board.

Proposed Diversion of Footpaths H97 and H98.

A letter and map has been received from the Secretary of the Borough of Charnwood giving details of the proposed diversion of footpath H98. This proposal has already been submitted and agreed upon at a Special Parish Meeting held on 31st.Jan.1972.

The proposed diversion of footpath H97 is just over the Walton Brook, this being the Parish Boundary between Burton and Walton, the diversion is therefore the concern of the Walton Parish Council.

The Wolds Footpath Group has also been informed of these proposed diversions, and it was agreed to support any comment or suggestions made by the Group.

Memorial Hall.

A letter from Mr.Hawes complained about the condition of the Memorial Hall and gave a list of repairs needing attention. Mr.Hawes asked if the Parish Council could make a grant from next years General Expenses to help with these repairs.

The meeting agreed in general with Mr.Hawe's comments, and it was decided to ask the Chairman of the Memorial Hall Management Committee for a list of the more urgent repairs, and the estimated cost.



Allotments.

Five letters have been received from parishioners stating their interest in having an allotment should it be possible for them to be provided. Before discussing this further, it was decided to leave it in abeyance until the publication of the Parish Magazine containing the notice concerning the provision of allotments.

Street Lighting Fund Surplus.

The Clerk Presented a Statement of Accounts for this Fund which gave a Balance of £14.31 to which will be added the V.A.T. refund, which at present amounts to £77.81, making a total balance of £92.12. It was agreed that this should be spent on the more urgent repairs to the Memorial Hall.

Estimates for 1975-6.

Details of expenditure for 1975-6 were required by the Treasurer of the Borough of Charnwood. The Clerk reported an estimated balance on 31-3-75 of £167.64, and presented a list of estimated expenses for 1975-6 amounting to £416.00. The product of a 1P Rate for 1975-6 was given by the Borough Treasurer as £822.00. On the proposition of Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Betts, it was agreed that the sum of £980.00 should be Precepted for General Expenditure during 1975-6. It was felt that this would meet the rising costs, and at the same time maintain a more reasonable working balance.

Filing Cabinet.

The Clerk reported that he was able to purchase a four drawer metal filing cabinet from Mrs. Lawson at a cost of £5.00. It was agreed that the cabinet should be purchased for storing of Parish Council papers and records.

Cheques.

The following Cheques were authorised and signed:-  
Clerk's Telephone Account, 8th. Nov. 1974. £13.58✓  
Photo-copying of Minutes, 11th. Dec. 1974. £00.84✓  
Mrs. Lawson, Filing Cabinet, £05.00✓

Date of next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Monday, 13th. January, 1975, at 7-30 p.m.

Any other business.

The Chairman reported that children were cycling along the footpath between Springfield Close and Barrow Road.

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Any other

business cont'd. The meeting agreed that the Secretary of the County Council should be asked if a "No Cycling" order could be applied to this path.

There was no further business and the Chairman closed the Meeting.



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